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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to voice my support for increased competition in the ISP market. I live in San Francisco, which is known as the center of the tech industry. Despite this moniker, much of the city is served by 1 ISP, Comcast. ATT is also available, but it is not a real competitor to Comcast as their services do not overlap. Webpass, Monkeybrains, and Sonic exist in spots in the city, but are not widespread enough to provide real competition.

The story of monopolies and duopolies and why they are bad for consumers is a tale that is well known. Unregulated monopolies have little incentive to lower their prices, improve their services, or otherwise provide consumers with a better product. Comcast and ATT have already shown their preference for this model with their behavior the last 20 years. Yes, there have been advancements in technology, service, etc. but there has also been a huge increase in cost, the introduction of data caps and throttling for users. But a company like Sonic, which delivers Fiber to the home for a low price, shows that Comcast and ATT have been stifling innovation and service and overcharging for those services.

I work in software development. I use my home office quite a bit and having a fast, stable, affordable internet connection is very important for me to do my job (Online Meetings, screen sharing, asset deployment, etc.). I also use my internet connection for the consumption of online media. I am a subscriber for YouTube TV, HBO Now, Spotify, and Netflix. These services are as good as they are because they can rely on a fast, stable internet connection to the home. The internet is a utility, plain and simple. Access to clean water, electricity, transportation, and phone service enabled the US to lead the world throughout the 20th century. The same is true for internet connectivity. Having a fast, stable, affordable internet connection is vital in driving the next wave of productivity and quality of life improvements through the 21st century.

We believe in capitalism in this country. That means encouraging competition in the marketplace to drive improvements in speed, quality, and price. It is vital that the FCC does more to encourage competition for ISP's throughout the country. Established players cannot be allowed to stifle competition, sign non-compete agreements with cities, or otherwise block out competitors. I implore you to encourage competition, big and small in the ISP market. Encourage cities to do

anything they can to encourage competition. Companies like Sonic want to build, if they are allowed.

Sincerely,

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